

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/527,630

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Preliminary Amendment filed 15 December 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-10,15,17 and 18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/29/05 & 9/29/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 3-10, 15, and 17-18 are pending in the instant application.

Amendments

The preliminary amendment filed December 15, 2006 has been acknowledged and has been entered into the record.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of a group embodied by Examples 1-11 in the reply filed on October 13, 2006 is acknowledged. Applicant has filed a preliminary amendment to cancel subject matter which would not have unity of invention, specifically by limiting Y to be a single bond, -O-, or -CO-. Therefore, the traversal has been considered and has been found to be persuasive. The claims submitted in the preliminary amendment of December 15, 2006 have been examined fully.

Priority

The claim to priority as a 371 filing of PCT/FR04/50145 filed April 6, 2004 which claims priority to FR 03/50090 filed April 8, 2003 is acknowledged in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statements that were filed August 29, 2005 and September 29, 2005 have been considered fully by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

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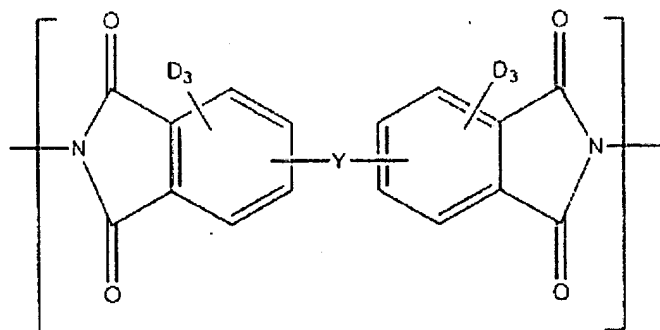
by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the first line of the specification, please insert: ---This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 filing of PCT/FR04/50145 filed April 06, 2004.---

Reasons for Allowance

The instant invention is drawn to polyimides and a method of making the polyimides that comprise at least one repeat unit of the formula:



where Y is a single bond, -O-, or -

CO-. The instant invention is also drawn to a film based on the polyimide. The closest prior art of Kaino (*Reports on Progress in Polymer Physics in Japan* 2000, 433-466) teaches that fluorination of polyimides is preferred over deuteration due to fluorine substitution leading to prevention of penetration of moisture into the polymer compared to the deuterium substitution. See page 435. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, 15, and 17-18 are allowed.

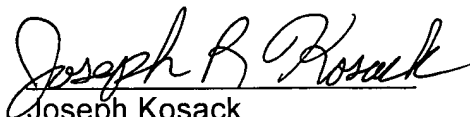
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Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Kosack whose telephone number is (571)-272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph M^cKane can be reached on (571)-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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